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APPLICANT : Hans-Jurgen WACHTER et al
SERIAL NO. : 10/705,566
CUSTOMER NO. : 27384
FILED : November 11, 2003
FOR : NIOBIUM-ZIRCONIUM ALLOY FOR MEDICAL DEVICES OR
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ART UNIT : 1742
EXAMINER : Christopher S. Kessler

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated August 3, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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